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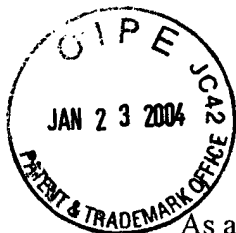
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Atty. Docket No. 55990/6

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if multiple names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A METHOD FOR EVALUATING AND TREATING HYPERTENSION

the specification of which: (check one) ☐ is attached hereto; ☒ was filed on 5/17/01 as Application Serial No. 09/860,199 and is/was amended on _____ (*if applicable*);
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